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Reply to the Attention Of: SR-6J

July 21, 2010

Via E-mail and Certified Mail

Richard Gay
Weyerhaeuser Company
810 Whittington Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

RE: Proposal for Temporary Leachate Extraction Wells
12th Street Landfill, Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Operable Unit #04
Plainwell, Michigan

Dear Mr. Gay:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has performed a review of the July 20, 2010 request by Conestoga-Rovers and Associates (CRA), on behalf of Weyerhaeuser, for approval of the installation of temporary leachate extraction wells at 12th Street Landfill, Operable Unit #04 of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (OU4). This proposal represents a modification to the Final Remedial Design Report (RD), approved by EPA on March 25, 2010.

The RD requires the use of test pits to collect perched leachate at OU4. CRA proposes to use temporary extraction wells to accomplish this goal. CRA plans to use a minimum of four wells in this effort with their proposal describing how they will be installed.

Pursuant to paragraph 134 of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc / Portage Creek / Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Civil Action No. 1:05CV0003 (2005), EPA approves this modification to the RD with the understanding that if the extraction wells do not adequately dewater the landfill, Weyerhaeuser will be required to excavate test pits to remove leachate from the landfill as described in the RD.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (312) 353-8983.

Sincerely,

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